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Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend as follows:

In the translation serving as Specification:

Page 1, before Paragraph 1 insert

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS This application is the US national phase of PCT application PCT/DE2003/003867 filed 21 November 2003 with a claim to the priority of German patent application 10261238.2 itself filed 20 December 2002.